

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. **(currently amended)** A disposable pants-type wearing article, comprising:  
a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region, said crotch region being provided with a body fluid absorbent assembly extending over said crotch region and further into said front and rear waist regions;

said body fluid absorbent assembly having transversely opposite side edges extending generally parallel to each other into said front and rear waist regions and longitudinally curving in a generally U-shape with an inner surface thereof opposed to itself in said front and rear waist regions;

wherein, in said crotch region, said body fluid absorbent assembly has:

a pair of first folding guide lines extending from either a midpoint of a crossline extending across said crotch region or from two points on said crossline, which are equidistant in opposite directions from said midpoint, to said transversely opposite side edges of said body fluid absorbent assembly, respectively, wherein said first folding guide lines diverge toward said front waist region and are inclined at a crossing angle  $\alpha$  with respect to said crossline,

a pair of second folding guide lines extending from said midpoint or said two points to said transversely opposite side edges of said body fluid absorbent assembly, respectively, wherein said second folding guide lines diverge toward said rear waist region and are inclined at a crossing angle  $\beta$  with respect to said crossline,

a pair of folded portions ~~formed by folding inward respective sectors of said body fluid absorbent assembly~~ defined between said first and second folding guide lines, wherein said body fluid absorbent assembly is folded inwardly along said first and second folding guide lines to define said folded portions.

a first non-folded portion extending from said first folding guide lines toward said front waist region, and

a second non-folded portion extending from said second folding guide lines toward said rear waist region; and

wherein said body fluid absorbent assembly is configured so that said first non-folded portion has a relatively small extent and said second non-folded portion has a relatively large extent.

2. (previously presented) The pants-type wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said crossline extends across a bottom of said crotch region as viewed in a vertical direction of said wearing article and said crossing angle  $\alpha$  is larger than said crossing angle  $\beta$ .

3. **(currently amended)** The pants-type wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said crossline is ~~placed aside from the bottom of said crotch region as viewed in a vertical direction of said wearing article toward~~ closer to said front waist region than to said rear waist region, and said crossing angle  $\alpha$  is equal to or larger than said crossing angle  $\beta$ .

4. (previously presented) The pants-type wearing article according to claim 2, wherein said crossing angle  $\alpha$  is in a range of 35 to 60° and said crossing angle  $\beta$  is in a range of 10 to 30°.

5. **(currently amended)** The pants-type wearing article according to claim 3, wherein said crossline is spaced from a center line bisecting a length of said article ~~placed aside from the bottom of said crotch region toward said front waist region~~ by 10 to 50 mm.

6. **(currently amended)** The pants-type wearing article according to claim 1, wherein each of said non-folded portions extends continuously without being folded from one of the transversely opposite side edges of said body fluid absorbent assembly to the other, and from the respective first or second folding guide lines to one of longitudinally opposite end edges of said body fluid absorbent assembly in the respective front or rear waist region.

7. (previously presented) The pants-type wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said first folding guide lines extend from said two points on said crossline toward said front waist region; and

said body fluid absorbent assembly is further folded along a section of said crossline between said two points.

8. **(currently amended)** The pants-type wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said body fluid absorbent assembly further comprises ~~comprising~~ a pair of third folding guide lines extending from said midpoint or said two points to said transversely opposite side edges of said body fluid absorbent assembly, respectively;

each of said third folding guide lines being located between one of the first folding guide lines and one of the second folding guide lines; and

wherein said body fluid absorbent assembly is folded outwardly along said third folding guide lines.

9. (previously presented) The pants-type wearing article according to claim 8, wherein all said first, second and third folding guide lines are oblique to said crossline.

10. (previously presented) The pants-type wearing article according to claim 9, wherein said first and third folding guide lines extend from said midpoint or said two points towards said front waist region, whereas said second folding guide lines extend from said midpoint or said two points towards said rear waist region.

11. **(currently amended)** A disposable pants-type wearing article having a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction, said article comprising:

a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region extending in the longitudinal direction between said front and rear waist regions; and

a body fluid absorbent assembly extending over said crotch region and into said front and rear waist regions, and having transversely opposite side edges and longitudinally opposite front and rear end edges;

wherein said body fluid absorbent assembly has:

in said crotch region, a middle zone between said side edges;

a pair of first folding guide lines extending from said middle zone, toward the front waist region, and to the side edges of the absorbent assembly, respectively; and

a pair of second folding guide lines extending from said middle zone, toward the rear waist region, and to the side edges of the absorbent assembly, respectively;

wherein said body fluid absorbent assembly is folded inwardly along said first and second folding guide lines; and

wherein a first angle defined between the first folding guide lines is smaller than a second angle defined between the second folding guide lines.

12. **(currently amended)** The pants-type wearing article according to claim 11, wherein said body fluid absorbent assembly further comprises:

a pair of folded ~~portion~~ portions each being defined by one of the side edges of the absorbent assembly and the associated ones of said first and second folding guide lines; and

a rear non-folded portion defined by the side edges of the absorbent assembly, the second folding guide lines, and the rear end edge of the absorbent assembly;

wherein an entirety of said rear non-folded portion extends continuously without being folded from one of the transversely opposite side edges of said body fluid absorbent assembly to the other, and from the second folding guide lines to the rear end edge of said body fluid absorbent assembly.

13. **(currently amended)** The pants-type wearing article according to claim 12, wherein said body fluid absorbent assembly further comprises:

a front non-folded portion defined by the side edges of the absorbent assembly, the first folding guide lines, and the front end edge of the absorbent assembly;

wherein an entirety of said front non-folded portion extends continuously without being folded from one of the transversely opposite side edges of said body fluid absorbent assembly to the other, and from the first folding guide lines to the front end edge of said body fluid absorbent assembly.

14. **(currently amended)** The pants-type wearing article according to claim 11, wherein said body fluid absorbent assembly further comprises:

a pair of third folding guide lines extending from said middle zone to said transversely opposite side edges of said body fluid absorbent assembly, respectively;

each of said third folding guide lines being located between one of the first folding guide lines and one of the second folding guide lines; and

said body fluid absorbent assembly being further folded outwardly along said third folding guide lines.

15. **(previously presented)** The pants-type wearing article according to claim 14, wherein said third folding guide lines extend from said middle zone towards said front waist region.

16. **(cancelled)**

17. **(currently amended)** The pants-type wearing article according to claim 11, wherein

said body fluid absorbent assembly further comprises a transverse folding guide line extending in the transverse direction and having opposite ends inwardly spaced from the side edges of the absorbent assembly, respectively;

each of the first folding guide lines and the associated one of the second folding guide lines diverge towards the associated one of the side edges of the absorbent assembly from one of the opposite ends of said transverse folding guide line; and

the absorbent assembly is further folded inwardly along said transverse folding guide line.

18. **(currently amended)** The pants-type wearing article according to claim 17, wherein said body fluid absorbent assembly further comprises:

a pair of third folding guide lines each extending from one of the opposite ends of said transverse folding guide line, towards the front waist region, and to the respective one of the side edges of said absorbent assembly;

each of said third folding guide lines being located between one of the first folding guide lines and one of the second folding guide lines; and

said body fluid absorbent assembly being further folded outwardly along said third folding guide lines.

19. (previously presented) The pants-type wearing article according to claim 17, wherein said transverse folding guide line is closer to the front end edge of said absorbent assembly than to the rear end edge of said absorbent assembly.

20. **(currently amended)** A disposable pants-type wearing article having a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction, said article comprising:

a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region extending in the longitudinal direction between said front and rear waist regions; and

a body fluid absorbent assembly extending over said crotch region and into said front and rear waist regions, and having transversely opposite side edges and longitudinally opposite front and rear end edges;

wherein said body fluid absorbent assembly has:

in said crotch region, a middle zone between said side edges;

a pair of first folding guide lines diverging from said middle zone toward the front waist region; and

a pair of second folding guide lines diverging from said middle zone toward the rear waist region;

wherein said body fluid absorbent assembly is folded inwardly along said first and second folding guide lines;

wherein each of said first and second folding guide lines has opposite inner and outer ends, the outer ends of said first and second folding guide lines are on the respective side edges of said body fluid absorbent assembly, and the inner ends of said first and second folding guide lines are in the middle zone;

wherein a first angle defined between the first folding guide lines is equal to or smaller than a second angle defined between the second folding guide lines; and

wherein the inner end of each of said first and second folding guide lines in said middle zone is closer to the front end edge of said absorbent assembly than to the rear end edge of said absorbent assembly.

21. (new) The pants-type wearing article according to claim 20, wherein said body fluid absorbent assembly further comprises:

a pair of third folding guide lines each extending from the inner end of one of the first folding guide lines towards the front waist region and to the respective one of the side edges of said absorbent assembly;

each of said third folding guide lines being located between one of the first folding guide lines and one of the second folding guide lines; and

said body fluid absorbent assembly being further folded outwardly along said third folding guide lines.